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1. CHINA-VIETNAM: THE SECOND ROUND OF SINO-VIETNAMESE VICE-FOREIGN-MINISTERIAL TALKS OPENED IN BEIJING THURSDAY WITH BOTH SIDES REITERATING PREVIOUS POSITIONS. THE CHINESE DISMISSED OUT OF HAND A VIETNAMESE PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE CESSATION OF BORDER PROVOCATIONS. BEIJING REPEATED ITS DEMAND, FIRST RAISED IN LATE APRIL, THAT VIETNAM MUST ABANDON ITS AMBITIONS IN INDOCHINA AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE USSR BEFORE RELATIONS WITH CHINA CAN BE IMPROVED. THURSDAY THE CHINESE ADDED VIETNAMESE POLICY TOWARD REFUGEES TO THE LIST OF HANOI'S "GROSS VIOLATIONS" OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. LAST FRIDAY, BOTH SIDES COMPLETED AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR, AN ISSUE KEPT OUTSIDE THE TALKS AT CHI-

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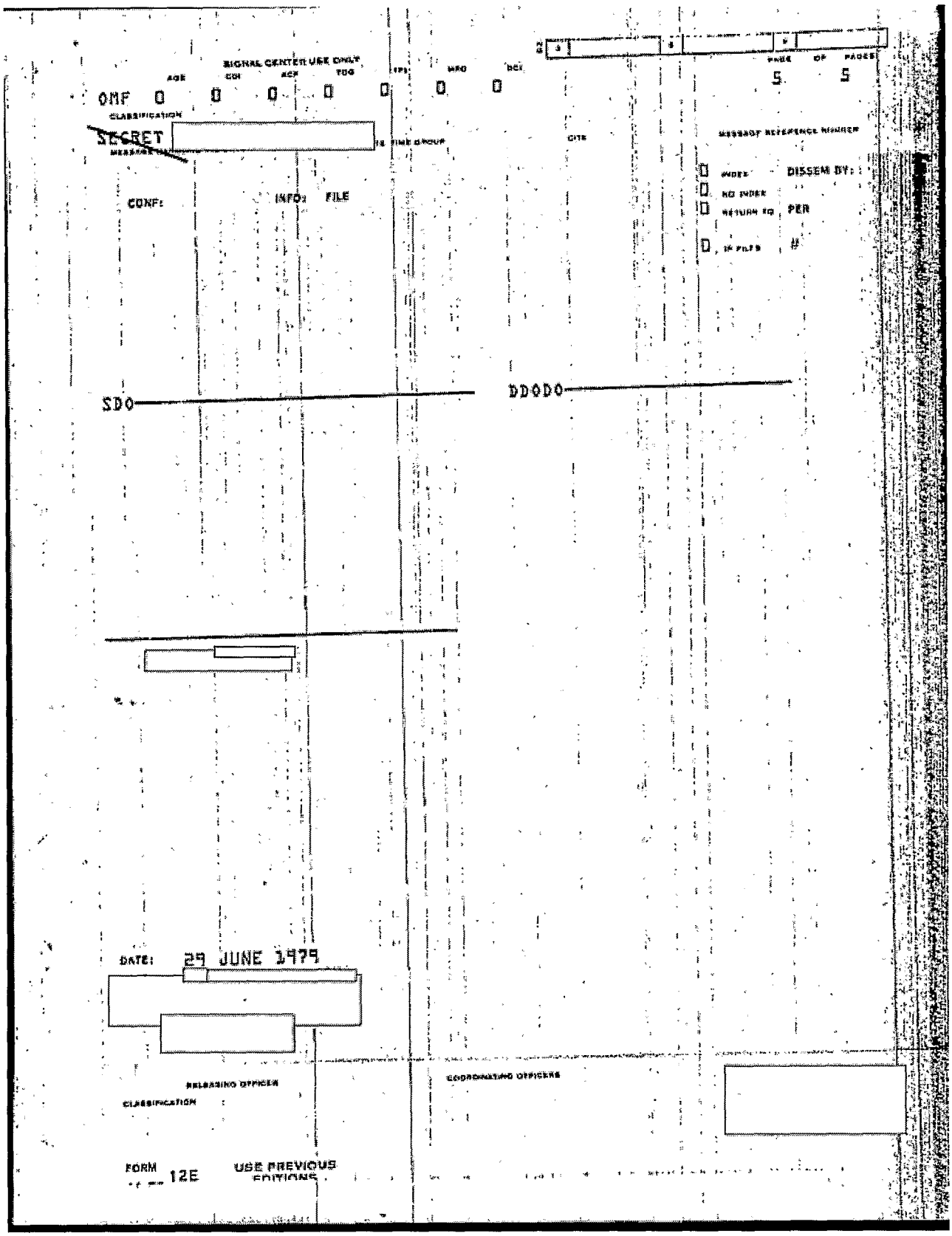
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